Table 5. Participation in Elections for President and U.S. Representatives; 1930 to 1988

(Numbers in thousands. As of November 1. Includes Armed Forces. Prior to 1960, excludes Alaska and Hawaii)

		Vote cast						Vote cast			
Year	Popula- tion of voting age	For Prsident	Percent of voting- age pop- ulation	For U.S. Representa- tives	Percent of voting age pop- ulation	Year	Popula- tion of voting age	For President	Percent of voting age pop- ulation	For U.S. Repre- senta- tives	Perent of voting-age population
1930	73,623	(X)	(X)	24,777	33.7	1960	109,672	68,838	62.8	64,133	58.5
1932	75,768	39,732	52.4	37,657	49.7	1962	112,952	(X)	(X)	51,261	46.3
1934	77,997	(X)	(X)	32,256	41.4	1964	114,090	70,645	61.9	65,886	57.7
1936	80,174	45,643	56.9	42,886	53.5	1966	116,638	(X)	(X)	52,900	45.4
1938	82,354	(X)	(X)	36,236	44.0	1968	120,285	73,212	60.9	66,109	55.0
1940	84,728	49,900	58.9	46,951	55.4	1970	124,498	(X)	(X)	54,173	43.5
1942	86,465	(X)	(X)	28,074	32.5	1972	140,777	77,625	55.1	71,348	50.7
1944	85,654	47,977	56.0	45,103	52.7	1974	146,338	(X)	(X)	52,418	35.8
1946	92,659	(X)	(X)	34,398	37.1	1976	152,308	81,603	53.6	74,419	48.9
1948	95,573	48,794	51.1	45,933	48.1	1978	158,369	(X)	(X)	54,680	34.5
1950	98,134	(X)	(X)	40,342	41.1	1980	164,595	86,497	52.6	78,025	47.4
1952	99,929	61,551	61.6	57,571	57.6	1982	169,936	(X)	(X)	63,963	37.6
1954	102,075	(X)	(X)	42,580	41.7	1984	174,468	92,653	53.1	83,322	47.8
1956	104,515	62,027	59.3	58,428	55.9	1986	178,566	(X)	(X)	59,618	33.4
1958	106,447	(X)	(X)	45,818	43.0	1988	182,779	91,587	50.1	81,682	44.7

X Not applicable.

²Beginning 1972 includes votes cast for delegate in the District of Columbia.

¹Population 18 and over beginning 1972; prior to 1972 population 21 and over except population 18 and over in Georgia since 1944, 18 and over in Kentucky since 1956, 19 and over in Alaska, and 20 and over in Hawaii.

Source for voting data: U.S. Congress, Clerk of the House, Statistics of the Presidential and Congressional Election, various issues, and U.S. Congress, Clerk of the House, Statistics of the Congressional Election, various issues.